Sir Edgar Speyer, Who Can't Rid Himself of Title

Baronet and Privy Councillor, Now the will of its holder, and that therefore, notens votens, Bernard Coleridge had become through his father's death a peer of the realm in the eyes of the Here, Raised Interesting Question by Effort to Resign

By F. CUNLIFFE-OWEN.

With regard to Sir Edgar Speyer's Commons or to take any part in Parliamentary elections.

Sir EDGAR SPEYER'S arrival in baronetcy there is no instance on this country on Thursday last patent of that dignity since its first moved by his predicament to bestow for the purpose of spending institution by James I., a little over the summer and the early autumn on the coast of Maine serves to call attention to the letter which he coast of the realm will be sought in addressed on the eve of his departure vain for any mention of a disbaron-from England to Premier Asquite, etage. The difficulty in the way of asking him to secure the acceptance the revocation of a baronetcy of his resignation as a member of the Privy Council and the revocation of his baronetcy. Sir Edgar, who is blood," that is to say, the visiting of staying with Lady Speyer and his the sins of the fathers upon their daughters at the Gramatan Inn in children, save in the rare cases of The Bronx, intimated that he had high treason. been led to make this application by Although Baronets, as a class, have the agitation in the United Kingdom for some reason or other an unenagainst naturalized citizens of German birth and by the imputations of casloyalty and suggestions of treachery made against him in connection there-

but also by public men in Great Brit-Mr. Asquith in reply gave expression to his sense of the injustice of a fair number of them have been conthese attacks, to the conviction of the victed of ordinary felony and suffered realm. Crown and Government that Sir Edgar's loyalty was above reproach, and such offences, yet their crimes have to the King's refusal to accept Speyer's resignation of his membership in of their title to their legitimate heirs. the Privy Council. At the same time Mr. Asquith intimated to Sir Edgar that the revocation of his baronetcy

with not only by the English press

George V. could have accepted Sir Edgar's resignation of his Privy Counereign cannot bestow a peerage or a baronetcy, nor indeed any of the great orders of knighthood, without the concurrence of the Government in the person of a Minister of State respon-sible to Parliament, he can make a Privy Councillor of whomsoever he lists, without regard to Government or to legislature. He is entitled to take council of whom he will without restriction, and the outward signs of his confidence in this matter are the enrolment of the person thus honored | lui." in the Book of the Council and the taking of the customary oath of loyalty and of secrecy.

The sovereign can in the same way revoke of his own accord, and without Ministerial intervention, any appointment to the Privy Council, without giving any reasons. All that it is necessary for him to do in the affair is to call for the Privy Council Book and to strike out any name therein that he sees fit. It is not necessary that the person thus reoffence. The mere fact that he has of India and now Earl of Curzonceased to enjoy the favor and the confidence of the sovereign is suffi-

There have been a number of in stances of removal of names from the Privy Council by order of the sovereign in English history, the last cases being in the reign of William IV. But Queen Victoria, like her successors, abstained from ever taking any such tempted to do so with regard to the wife, against the wishes of his chilshe developed an extraordinarily vio- heir of any allowance while alive but lent prejudice after his connection bequeathed every vestige of property with the unsavory Crawford divorce

Even English people know very little about their sovereign's Privy Council, beyond the fact that membership thereof bestows the privilege of prefixing the words "Right Honorable" to the name, and that every one who forms part thereof is specially prayed for on Sundays during divine service of the Established Church, the liturgy of which contains a prayer imploring the Almighty to "endow the Lords of the Council with grace, wisdom and I may add, is the most ancient institution of the British Empire, the socalled Aula Regia, or Curia Regia, of the early Norman days, older even than that English Parliament which is acknowledged to be in point of age the senior and dean of all now existing legislative bodies of the known

The Cabinet is merely a Committee of the Privy Council. But aside from certain privileges in connection with the entree at court, the members of the Privy Council have no particular rights to speak of, and have no power to offer advice to the sovereign, or to attend any of the meetings of the council, unless specially summoned by him for the purpose.

Mrs. Charles E. Wilcox, Mrs. A. W. Wattenberg, Mrs. Emilie Van Beil, Mrs.

H. S. Strong, Mrs. Charles E. Ab-tt, Mrs. G. W. Wason, Mrs. William Wilkinson, Mrs. John H. Hanan, Mrs.

C. C. Patterson and Miss

obert Cartwright, Mrs. Charles K.

L. Hawkins.

in the fact that it is a hereditary honor, and that English law no longer permits the so-called "corruption of

viable reputation among the people. and the villain in almost every melodrama presented on the British stage is a "wicked Baronet," yet the holdnity have managed to keep their hands entirely clean, as far as high treason is concerned, and although the penalties provided by the law for never affected in any way the descent

If Crown and Government cannot annul a peerage or a baronetcy, save by legislative action, in the case of high treason alone, neither can the holder of these dignities through creation or inheritance allenate or recillorship without any difficulty had nounce them. In the case of the he cared to do so. Whereas the sovson to whom they are offered in the name of the Crown is free to refuse them, and there are hundreds of instances of the declination of these dignities. But once accepted, and officially gazetted, they become inalienable, and have to be borne by the the right of any person claiming such recipient, and by his lawful descend- title under him that levied, or shall ants in the male line, no matter, how levy such fine." heavy or obnoxious the burden.

Sir Edgar Speyer stands to-day in the position of a Baronet "malgre that is to say, in spite of himself. He may find comfort in the knowledge that there are a number of peers of the realm in the same who have vainly endeavored in every possible way to divest themselves of their status as hereditary legislators.

Many a promising political career in the House of Commons has been cut short by an altogether unwelcome succession to a peerage, and at one young politicians, headed by George moved should have been guilty of any Nathaniel Curzon-afterward Viceroy who invoked every known resource of the law of the land to escape the inrender it possible for them to retain their status as commoners on the death of their fathers. Among the number was the Hon. Bernard Coleridge, eldest son of the late Lord Chief Justice Coleridge.

He was on unfriendly terms with action, although she was sorely his father, who had married a young late Sir Charles Dilke, against whom dren, and who not only deprived his o his widow at his death. Bernard Coleridge, who was a rising young lawyer with a growing practice, and thanks to his activities in the House of Commons in sight of lucrative political preferment, therefore suddenly himself confronted by the necessity of maintaining the dignity of

prived of his prospects in the House

law, possessed of all the prerogatives of that rank, but also subject to its disadvantages, among the latter being

Fortunately the Government was moved by his predicament to bestow upon him by way of compensation for the loss of his legal practice several minor judicial positions, and on the occasion of the first vacancy a seat on the bench of the High Court, with a salary of \$30,000 a year and a pension of \$16,000 a year for the remainder of his life on his retirement.

In ancient times English monarchs possessed the right of dispeering as well as of creating peers; and historical research has brought to light the fact that in the Plantagenet and Tudor eras members of the House of Lords were frequently dispecred by the monarch when they happened to have given him cause for offence. instance of a Duke of Bedford who was dispecred by Edward IV., deers of this particular hereditary digreduced to the level of an ordinary esquire on the ground that in the estimation of the Crown he was too poor to maintain the rank of a peer of the

> ceased to enjoy these powers in Great Britain. For when in 1678 Robert Villiers petitioned Charles II. that he might "surrender and resign to his count Verbeck, and all other his honors and titles, as well in possession as in remainder," the decision of the House of Lords, to whom the matter "The Lords Temporal and Spiritual in Parliament assembled, upon very long debate, are unanimously opinion, and do resoive and adjudge, time hereafter to be levied to the King, can bar such title of honor, or

This in plain, every day phraseology means that the sovereign could not deprive or relieve a peer of his honors and dignities as such. Among the reasons which the House of Lords gave for its decision on that occasion was that a peerage was a "dignity annexed to the blood," and that only a' "corruption of blood" by Parliamentary attainder of high treason can hinder the descent. Further, that the "title of viscount is not so much a private interest as a public right. Whe had assumed the family honors since peers are Councillors of State, and are a part of a Senatory body.

have interest in it." their rights, save by corrupting his sons of filial chivalry. own blood, and in consequence theirs; and this he can do only by committing and being convicted of high treason, which alone corrupts blood. Finally, that even if a peer were otherwise empowered to divest himself of his peerage he could not do so without the consent of his fellow

land on the Earldom of Norfolk peer- hours. age case, the point being emphasized Of course it is always possible for "In Canadian. peerage without the necessary Crown.

means for the purpose, and even detribunal, there were very serious ob- and in California, abandoned England grocer's clerk. stacles in the way of his continuing in anger at having been placed under "I get a little more pay, perhaps, his practice as a mere member of the temporary restraint in consequence of but I work many more hours, and bar. Thus he might find himself his eccentricities, solemnly renounced Sunday is work day like the rest. Now pleading as a barrister before a Judge his baronetcy on taking up American this Sunday, for instance, I came on whose decision he would eventually citizenship and absolutely declined to at 7 A. M. and will stay till 11 P. M. be called upon to uphold or reverse receive any letter from home giving Not every Sunday, of course, but one on appeal to the House of Lords, that him the prefix of "Sir" to his Christian like this is enough in a long time. s to say to the court of ultimate ap- name on the ground that he had "If I had known conditions here I

the Crown, by the courts and by the ley, who absolutely refused to make I've learned that pay isn't everything House of Lords itself. But it was use of his father's earldom of Berke- and if I could get away I'd go back.



High Bridge tower, by Preston Sickinson

it would have constituted an admisand therefore cannot be renounced ers were illegitimate and that his parwithout the consent of all those who ents, to whom he was deeply attached, even forgery in connection with their the peer himself is concerned "he can- efforts to prove that they had been not divest himself of his dignity; for secretly married before the birth of heritance of the family honors and to he cannot convey it, while so far as his his elder brothers. If he remained a heirs are concerned he cannot oust bachelor it was for these same rea-

HARD WORKED DRUG CLERKS.

HE kindly customer in a Sixth avenue drug store was talking that body as recently as in 1907 when clerk might have gone into some sitting as the highest tribunal of the kind of business which required easier

that under no circumstances could a "but I fitted myself for the work at peerage be alienated or transferred my home in Canada, for like a great to another, or surrendered to the many drug clerks in New York I am

"In Canada a druggist is not at all a peer or baronet to refrain from the same as he is in the States. There, of Commons and to a great extent making use of his honors. Thus the after preparation in college I had a of his livelihood. For since the House of Lords is the highest tribunal of died mysteriously in a village railroad tion practically the same as a physithe realm, and Coleridge as a peer station in Arizona some years ago, clan's. Here I can't see that my posibecame, ipso facto, a member of that and who, a great landowner in Wales then is much different from that of a

"dropped the baronetcy for good and never would have left Canada, but all As his case was a particularly hard one special consideration was given

Then there was the romantic case of the great law officers of the great law of the great law officers of the great law of the great la unanimously decided that an inherited ley and viscounty of Dursley and "But I've been here too long and I'm peerage "pertained to the blood" and went through life as plain "Mr. afraid if I did go back Canada would could not be alienated or discarded at Thomas Berkeley," on the ground that

What Is Happening in the World of Art

controlled by The Friends of the Young Artists on June and the pictures will be on view for a month. She has donated three street and preparations for the exhibition of the work submitted walls and were made at the pottery in hibition are already well advanced.

Luces Della Robbie's important designation of the work submitted walls and were made at the pottery in Delft. There is the same scheme of One hundred and sixty-five artists are orations of the children's hospital ing. Twelve tiles in brown show the among the exhibitors and more than made his fame, and now an American story of Paul Revere's ride, designed

again be on view.

Those who are interested in the arers has organized it and next January Fleece. They are on tiles set in the while the other door shows

A RS. HARRY PAYNE WHIT- Exhibition Controlled by Friends of Young Artists to Be Opened by Mrs. Whitney

two hundred pictures have been en-tered for the competition. Only the mented on somewhat the same plan. more than a hundred other tiles show. best works submitted will be hung. A competition was held to decide the ing animals, birds and fish for Mrs. Whitney is much interested in architect, and the plans of a compara- parts of the infirmary. There is the success of the exhibition and it is tively unknown artist were accepted, a series of tiles showing the chief hoped that the pictures may succeed it was decided to follow the same plan sodes of "Alice in Wonderland," w in interesting purchasers, since that is one of its objects. Some of the pic-tures exhibited at Reinhardt's will bental Infirmary for Children is the about four feet from the floor so that name of the institution. The jury of they may readily be artists awarded the prize to A. H. by the children. Roger Nob tistic character of the postal cards of commerce will be gratified to hear or a competition looking to an improve- of Rip Van Winkle, of the Dorchester "Uncle Remus." The two bronze doors ment in their quality. The Assecia- Giant, the Pied Piper of Hamelin and show a

tion of Women Sculptors and Paint- the story of Jason and the Golden young child to symbolize motherhood

than block printing. For wall hangfor divan pillows nothing is more spoil the design. Perhaps the best not leave the house, and her inten-lovely or more artistic. While stenraftsmen of years gone by.

One thing that adds much to its before beginning work. value is the fact that the work is as effective on inexpensive fabrics as on naterial of a more extravagant sort. ndeed it glorifles even the simplest and most humble of textiles, even common cheesecloth being reincarnated under the application of the sign. block printed designs.

straight and slanting edges. A set | care perhaps in their use, as they are

individuality in the home there ready for printing and the next step on March 13 last, but there was n is no more effective means is better to try the color before using announcement of the event until after the place printing. For wall hange operation. ings, table covers, bedspreads, window very smooth, so there will not be the curtains, bureau covers and coverings slightest chance for it to ruffle up and silling is good if used with discretion deal table, the legs of which have been tened her death. She did nothing he wood block printing is better, for shortened several inches to make it ter the death of her brother but atthe reason that the work more nearly the right height for the worker. Cover resembles the charming old time the surface with several thicknesses extiles such as have been handed of sheeting or a couple of flaunel paintings by her brother to the mu down to us as the work of superior lengths so as to absorb any superfluous seums of Paris. Ten years ago sh die or paint. Tack it firmly into place

a border or an allover design, use common pins or a yardstick. Be sure and measure the space carefully and place the pins so they will outline the de-

Either dyes or oil paints thinned Three tools are all that are neces- with turpentine may be used in printsary. They are chisels with curved, ing the design. Dyes require more can probably be purchased for about apt to run, so for the beginner oil \$1. Small slabs of pear wood are paints thinned with turpentine are necessary for the block, this species better. Even then one must be carebeing more desirable than pine on ac- ful to get just the right amount of the count of its fine grain and close tex- liquid, for if it is too thick the paint ture. It is better to have these cut in will spoil the texture of the fabric. If

This mus: be stretched after the efforts of a German plane to destroy the Cath tempt to increase his fame

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much regard to its artistic characte

Young Girls on the Bank museum "Courbet and His Dog which was a portrait museums benefited by her generosit the artistic fame of her brothe

has just received an important exam-ple of Chinese Buddhist stone cary-

King. It bears the date 440 spirit both in religion and art composition is a seated figure, and a foot is drawn up across the This is the Boddhistativa Avalo figure other Boddhistativas stand, two In an attitude of adoration A standing figure is recognize ures with wings. twelve.

on the Quai Debilly he left a the late M. de Camondo gave t was left to the Louvre with the dition that it should never be disperbut always kept in a separate ga-lery. So the objects are to be groupe as the Schlicting collection, wise precaution is praised by t critics of Paris, who recall how Caze and other collections were tered in any manner that suite various French museums. It is I that the action of the authorit the Louvre in deferring to the s of Baron de Schlicting may that their wishes will hereafter be

has been the cleansing of th tapestries "La Dame a la Lle preservation and are expected to hibits during the summer, w of course be seen only is the curator now in chara-Musee de Versailles Pierra of Stanislas Leczineks, w

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GENERAL NEWS OF SOCIETY AND THE CLUBS Miss Helen Culver Kerr, daughter of Mrs. John Clapperton Kerr, will be one of next season's debutantes. She will have her coming out reception at the Academy of Medicine, 17 West Forty-third street, on June 11. John A. Kingsbury will be among the speak-fornia, where they have been for the fornia, where they have been for the fornia and the fornia and

have her coming out reception at the home of her mother, 135 Central Park West, on November 24. Mrs. Kerr will give a large dance for her daughter just before Christmas at the Hotel Biltmore. On Tuesday evening the New York Five hundred "little mothers" from the various branches of the Little Mothers Aid Association, Mrs. Clarence Burns, president, had a picnic yesterday afternoon in Central Park. The party

was at the children's playground, be-tween Fifty-ninth and Sixty-fourth tween Fifty-ninth and Sixty-fourth streets, and in addition to games the children enjoyed ice cream and cake. They were in charge of Mrs. J. H. Johnston, the founder of the association; Mrs. Burns, Mrs. George Perkins Zawton, Mrs. C. C. Harrison, Mrs. H. C. A lawn fete will be held at Blackwell's Island on Saturday afternoon. It will be for the benefit of the Roman Catholic churches on the Island, one at the Tuberculosis Camp and Metropolitan Hospital and the other at the City Home and Neurological Hospital, which, like Greanelle, Mrs. Henry F. Kiddle, Mrs. Charles O. Maas, Mrs. Nelson Worden, Mrs. J. Stuart Smith, Mrs. Albert G. the chapels there, are without any endowment. A lawn party is given every June for their support. There will be cards and dancing. The Island may be reached by boat from the foot of East Seventieth street, the first ferry leaving at 3 o'clock. Weed, Miss A. E. Cameron, Mrs. Robert Hutchins McNall, Mrs. E. D. Stone, Mrs. A. D. Bramhall, Mrs. John J. Cowdrey, Mrs. John Green, Mrs. J. S. Berwin, Mrs. Eugene Munsell, Miss Jeannette Olmstead, Mrs. Charles E. Sprague, Mrs. Benjamin Lillard, Mrs. Bond Stow,

Mrs. Anson Dudley Bramhall has closed her apartment at 45 East Sixty-third street and gone to Spring Lake, N.

Mrz. James McCullagh has closed her apartment at 222 Riverside Drive and opened her cottage at Asbury Park, N. J., for the season.

The Daughters of Indiana gave a large eard party at the Hotel Majestic last week for the benefit of their philan-Mrs. Jules F. Ludin returned on Tuesday to her home at 725 Riversids Drive from Washington, where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Irving B. Phillips. Mrs. Ludin was accompanied

On Tuesday evening the New York
City Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs.
Eugene J. Grant, president, will have
its annual garden party at the Hotel
Astor. The hotel's roof garden will be
used for the occasion, and this will be the
first large affair there this season. Mrs.
T. E. Donnellon of \$49 Carroll street.
Brooklyn, is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Wainwright have closed their apartment at
151 Ceneral Park West and gone to
Cape Cod for the summer.

Mrs. Robert, Hutchins McNall of 130
West Seventy-fourth street will leave
next week for her country place at
Greenwich, Conn., where she intends
spending the summer.

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Mrs. Irvin A. Sprague of 210 West End avenue have decided to spend the summer in Canada, where Fifty-seventh street will spend the sum-mer at Huntington, L. I., where she has close her house, 152 West Fifty-seventh

Mr. and Mrs. George A. La Vie of Street, and go to Patchogue, where she 24 West Eighty-eighth street will soon has taken a cottage for the season. go to their cottage at Spring Lake, N. J.

Mrs. Morgan W. Daboll has left for the greater part of the summer in the a trip through the West. She was ac-Catskills. companied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Leeming, and they will take in the Grand Mrs. A Leeming, and they will take in the Grand Canyon, Arizona, before going to Callfornia for the exposition. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Leeming will go to their country place at Glen Cove for the balance of the summer.

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Dr. and Mrs. Charles Parsons Gilder-Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Wain- | sleeve have gone to their place at Port | Jefferson, L. I., for the summer. They

place at Locust Valley, L. I., for the summer. Miss Ludlam will open her Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Wattenberg

> You see, a dozen years in New York | a half long, though this operation may | on a scrap of the material to see if it they have a country estate. Mrs. Albert Gallatin Weed will soon

street, on the completion of their honeyst week for the benefit of their philan-hropic fund.

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Street, on the completion of their honey. It is possible to buy the blocks all mer use. Besides these there are cotactual to the middle of June will gone to The Lodge, Essex Fells, N. J., to Bethlehem, Pa., where they will remain until July 1, their home. Mrs. Faul was Miss Marlan when they go to Harbor View, Smith's campbell Goffe.



"The Farm," by Preston Dickinson. Now at the Daniel Gallery.

has spoiled me for the sane and simple also be done by the individual with a is right before going ahead.

A NEGRO PHILANTHROPIST.

RS. DISMUKE, the laundress money toward erecting a music build- or what not it is copied by the aid of quired. As to the materials for blo ing, is said to be the only negro woman architect's linen and pasted onto the printing there are many that are in this country who has ever given wood. With the straight chisel this pretty and artistic. Take the comm

uted to this purpose and it was given may be no sharp corners left to tear without having the slightest string attached. The only thing that could be printed.

little training in manual work. Pine Smear a pad covered with felt with

Hers was the first money contrib- with sandpaper in order that there is charming.

claborateness of the motif.

is sometimes used, but except in the the dye or paint, press the face of the hands of a very experienced carver block upon it and then press the block there is great danger of the knife slip- firmly to the textile. If the latter is ping and spolling the design.

When a pretty design has been se-Mr. and Mrs. J. Stuart Smith of the letter o

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